

(1) whether they have received the report on the Annamalai Road Scheme;

(2) if so, will they be pleased to place a copy of it on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—Under the orders of Government the Chief Engineer and the Tramway Engineer have prepared plans and estimates for a road from Chalakkudi to the Annamalai plantations. Besides these plans and estimates no reports have been received from anybody.

Road Board works—Progress of.

41. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state the Road Board works taken up last year and to be taken up this year; how much work has been done in the former case and at what stages do the latter works stand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—Statements of the Road Board works taken up in 1112 and to be taken up in 1113 showing the required particulars are appended. (*Appendix III*).

Tanadhars—Forest Department—Particulars regarding.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adoor*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many Tanadhars are there in the Forest Department;

(2) what is their pay;

(3) are they entitled to pension;

(4) how many years of service has each of them got to their credit?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*).—

(1) 24.

(2) Rs. 10 each.

(3) No.

(4) There are no service books for these officers, and hence it is not possible to furnish the length of service put in by each.

"This Council recommends to the Government that appointments to the Civil Surgeons' grade should not be restricted to the England-returned medical men".

Also (2) Saryadhikariakar's communications C. No. 2988/12, dated 4th Ju 1 1937.

Order D 6. 19344/12, dated 5th July 1937.

At present only persons with European qualifications are appointed as Civil Surgeons. Government consider that it is quite unreasonable to fix a value to a medical degree simply on account of the country in which the degree is taken. There are valuable English Medical degrees and there are also cheap English Medical degrees. These cheap medical degrees taken from England cannot be compared to the degrees of Indian Universities. It is therefore unreasonable to have a rigid rule that recruitments to the Civil Surgeons' cadre should be restricted to England-returned medical men only. While an English Degree may *prima facie* be a strong recommendation in favour of a candidate, the quality of the degree he has taken and how it compares with the degrees taken by his competitors will also have to be taken into consideration in each case. Under these circumstances, the resolution will be accepted and in making appointments to the Civil Surgeons' grade the intrinsic value of the medical degrees obtained and the efficiency of the candidates concerned will be taken into account.

(By order)

(Sd.) Deputy Secretary.

To

The Chief Medical Officer.
 .. Legislative Council Secretary.
 .. Legislative Council section.
 Copy to Publicity Officer.

APPENDIX III.

(Question No. 41.)

Statement showing the progress of works taken up in 1112.

S. No.	Item No. of the Road Board Report	Name of work	Progress
1	5	Opening Mangayil road to Nettur	Land acquisition in progress.
2	15	Bridge between Komanthuruthi and Chenganad	The pile trestles are being erected.

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3	16	Road from Anandapuram to Nellore through Muriyad	Land acquisition nearing completion. Work let on contract. To be commenced from 30th Thulam '13.
4	17	Opening the Puthenvelikara road	Estimate sanctioned. Land acquisition in progress.
5	20	Constructing bridge over Valia Thodu	Estimate sanctioned and work let on contract. Land acquisition in progress.
6	31	Opening road from Thanikudom to Machad	The alignment of the road cannot be fixed now in view of the Naduthodu Reservoir scheme for water supply to Trichur Town which is under the consideration of the Government. The preparation of the estimate is therefore postponed.
7	36	Road from Palayannur to Elanad via Vennur	Land acquisition in progress. Estimate prepared and submitted for Government sanction.
8	43	Road from Thiruvilluamala to the Malesamangalam	A portion of the land acquired and payment made. These sites are being taken possession of. Remaining acquisition proceedings in progress. Estimate sanctioned.
9	45	Opening road to Kalchady	Land acquisition in progress. Estimate is under preparation.

Statement showing the progress of works ear-marked for 1113.

S. No.	Item No. of the Road Board Report	Name of work	Progress
1	6	Constructing the Chittur Vaduthala bridge	Estimate under preparation.
2	18	Opening the Conthipulam road	do do
3	24	Constructing the Veditodu bridge	do do

4	37	Road from Palayannur to Kolazhi via Mayanur	do	do
5	47	Road dam at Kozhin- jampara	do	do

APPENDIX IV.

(Question No. 46.)

Statement.

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S. No.	General No. and Name	Qualifications	Previous			Rewards	Remarks
			Service Y. M. D.	Punish- ments.			
1	I C C 519 Veera Raghavan	B. A. and Police Constables' Ma- nual and Cate- chism test	1	0	5		
2	I C C 724 Mathen	B. A. Course	0	9	12		
3	I C C 106 Para- meswara Menon	School Final and Police Constables' Manual and Cate- chism test	7	1	14	2	
4	I C C 86 Govinda Menon	B. A., Criminal Ju- dicial and Police tests and Police Constables' Ma- nual and Cate- chism test	5	11	8		
		1113 Nil					